

Many of the children there have probably been homeless for a time or have experienced situations no child should be forced to endure. But, watching them playing together in the center and interacting with each other and their teachers, it is easy to sense they have found a home. It is here where one can witness the fundamental impact Marguerite's Place is having on the greater Nashua community. Through their programs and support, the staff here pass on to our youngest generation of citizens the feeling they too have a wide open future.

The leader of Marguerite's Place, and its heart and soul, is Sister Sharon Walsh. Her firm commitment to insuring the residents meet the expectations set for them is near legendary. Yet, she is profoundly upbeat in her vision that people can change for the better. She is continually seeking ways they can be part of the American Dream. It is this combination of optimism and determination that make Sister Sharon so inspirational. In turn, her enthusiasm is what makes Marguerite's Place so unique and so effective. Of course, Sister Sharon is modest and would deflect much of the praise and credit to her staff for the successes they have achieved. In my conversations with them, I have learned they share Sister Sharon's vision and skill in bringing out the best in people. Sister Elaine Fahey, for example, runs the daycare center. It is obvious the children love her and view her as a role model.

So, as Marguerite's Place celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, I want to thank Sister Sharon, her staff and all the supporters for the remarkable work they have done to restore dignity and self-esteem to those who may have lost it. They have made Nashua a better place to live. I am proud to be a supporter of Marguerite's Place and am happy to extend my deepest wishes for continued success.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DEBATE TEAM

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the tremendous accomplishment of Michigan State University and its debate team. On April 6, 2004, Michigan State University won the National Debate Tournament hosted by Catholic University in Washington, DC. This date was a milestone in that it marked the first National Championship awarded to the Michigan State Spartans in the field of debate. In addition, the Spartans demonstrated the high quality of Michigan's public institutions of education, as it was only the third occasion in 20 years that a public university has won the title.

During the tournament, the Spartans defeated many of the Nations' most respected academic universities. These include Harvard, Dartmouth, Emory, Northwestern, and finally, long-time rival UC Berkeley in the championship match. It is also worth noting that

Michigan State was represented by two separate teams in the tournaments final four. However, as they were matched against one another, the higher ranked team advanced while the other willingly conceded.

In the final round, the Spartan team consisting of Dave Strauss and Greta Stahl, defeated the team from Berkeley that was ranked No. 1 overall entering the tournament. Michigan State was declared the winner 4-1 by the 5 judges scoring the debate. The Sigurd S. Larmon Memorial Trophy is awarded annually to the National Debate Tournament Champion and will remain in East Lansing until the 2005 tournament.

Michigan State University's debate team, led by head coach Will Repko, is now the reigning national champion. This accomplishment was made possible through the hard work and dedication of all those who support Michigan State's debate program. The university's first national championship signals the beginning of what will surely become a great tradition.

It is with great pleasure that I offer my sincerest congratulations and appreciation to Michigan State University as it celebrates its victory at the National Debate Tournament. Those who participated should be very proud of the manner in which they represented their school. I know my colleagues in the Senate join me in honoring MSU, the team, and its staff as they continue with their pursuit of academic excellence.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND CHARLES WILLIAMS

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of my fellow Hoosier, Reverend Charles Williams, who lost his battle with cancer on Monday, July 12, 2004. Reverend Williams dedicated his life to serving our state of Indiana by bringing together the Hoosier community and demanding of everyone the potential greatness that he saw in us all.

Reverend Charles Williams was born in Indianapolis in 1948. From a humble upbringing in Indiana and Chicago, Reverend Williams returned to his home town as an adult to become one of the city's most respected civic leaders, using every life lesson and experience, including his battle with cancer, to improve the quality of life for Indiana's African-American community and for all Hoosiers across the state.

Reverend Charles Williams served his country first for 3 years as a member of the U.S. Navy and then as the executive coordinator for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's national convention in Indianapolis. Following his work with the NAACP, he was appointed special assistant for then-Mayor William Hudnut. It was from here that Reverend Williams received an invitation to help a struggling Indiana African-American association, marking the be-

ginning of his work with what would become his lasting legacy and crowning achievement, the Indiana Black Expo.

Through his work with the Indiana Black Expo, from the early 1980s until his death this summer, Reverend Williams turned the Expo into a full-fledged community organization that promoted greater education, cooperation and opportunity for all Hoosiers. What began as a single-event celebration has grown into a year-round operation, with the Summer Celebration described today as one of the Top 100 Events in North America. Reverend Charles Williams was tireless in his efforts to make a better life for Hoosiers. Even during his 2-year battle with cancer, he used his experience to educate other men about the importance of cancer screening.

The 34th annual Black Expo Summer Celebration is taking place this week in Indianapolis. This year, the celebration will take on greater meaning, as a celebration not only of the strong community that has been built in Indiana, but a celebration of the man who did the building. While the sense of loss to all those who knew Reverend Charles Williams is tremendous, the energy and selflessness with which he faced this and every challenge in his life remains as an example to all of us who are left behind to carry on his work.

It is my honor to enter the name of Reverend Charles Williams into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.●

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND CHARLES WILLIAMS

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I pay heartfelt tribute to the Reverend Charles Williams, a visionary Hoosier friend who passed away yesterday at the age of 56.

I have looked forward to visiting with Charles Williams for many years. His dynamic leadership was best exemplified through his work leading the Indiana Black Expo, Inc., a not-for-profit community service organization comprised of ten chapters throughout the State of Indiana. Since 1983, he has been an effective advocate of an expanding number of Indiana Black Expo programs.

His accomplishments included founding the Circle City Classic football game, an annual event that raises funds for minority college scholarships. Most recently, Reverend Williams has worked diligently to inform men, especially African-American men, on the importance of prostate cancer screening. Afflicted with this terrible disease, he shared his personal testimony on struggles with prostate cancer in an effort to encourage other men to consider personal healthcare more seriously.

The Indiana Black Expo was founded in 1970, while I served as Mayor of Indianapolis. Each year, the Indiana Black Expo hosts the Summer Celebration. Currently underway, this event is the longest-running cultural showcase of